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ACTIVATION OF TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERAS AJO WAY AND SOUTH 6TH AVENUE

The Tucson Police Department, in conjunction with American Traffic Solutions, is pleased to announce that the traffic safety cameras at the intersection of East Ajo Way and South 6th Avenue have been installed. The cameras and intersection are currently undergoing final testing and finish work in preparation for being activated.

This camera installation is expected to go “live” on **Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.** The cameras and accompanying sensor system have the capability of capturing images of drivers and their vehicles for two intersection-related violations; failure to stop for a red signal light as well as speeding on the approach to the intersection. For violations captured at this intersection **during the first 30-days of operation**, drivers can expect to receive a **written warning notice only**, with no citation or other penalty. **Following the 30-day warning period** and beginning **Monday, October 31, 2011**, drivers found to be in violation will receive **traffic citations for the related offense**.

Speeding up to beat a red light is an intentional act and one of the most dangerous driving behaviors that a motorist can engage in. Many intersection-related collisions can be avoided if drivers increase their awareness of their surroundings, avoid distractions while driving, obey posted speed limits, and adopt a “red means stop” as opposed to a “yellow means speed up” mentality as they approach intersections. Statistics have shown that significant reductions in collisions occur when a traffic safety camera system is utilized. This is the ultimate goal of the Tucson Police Department as we continue to strive to reduce collisions, prevent injuries and save lives.

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